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Paragraph 0015 should be replaced with:

Q2
[0015] Figs. 1a-1d show an example layout imperfection (notch) and a conventional method of correcting such a layout imperfection;

CONCLUSION

Paragraphs 0006 and 0015 of the written description have been amended. No new matter is added. The amendments remove references to certain superfluous figures that were eliminated by Applicants for reasons of clarity. The references themselves were inadvertently retained in the specification, even though the referenced figures were not included in the original filing. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the described amendments merely clarify the original disclosure by eliminating reference to those figures that are no longer part of the application.

Attached is a marked-up version showing the amendments in a document entitled "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE". If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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